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TRANSMITTAL OF REFERENCE AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i)

Sir:

We wish to be made of record the following reference, which was cited in related  
U.S. patent application 09/094,286:

Japanese Patent No. 08218986 A

Applicant has carefully considered this reference and has determined that the  
reference, by itself or in combination with other references already of record, is not material to the  
patentability of the claims in the above-identified application.

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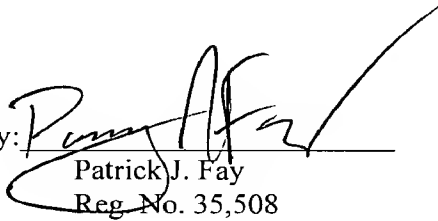
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It is respectfully requested that the reference be placed in the Patent Office file for the above-identified application for interested members of the public in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i).

Respectfully submitted,

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